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# Troops treating troops by box load

Chaplains help Girl Scouts  
send cookies to Afghanistan

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Right about now, hundreds of boxes of Girl Scout cookies should be arriving in Afghanistan to be divided among and then devoured by soldiers of the U.S. Army unit Task Force Saber.

Hopefully, someone in the unit will have the presence of mind to snap a few pictures of the soldiers enjoying their goodies to send back home to the Girl Scouts in Madison and Triana that sponsored the cookie drive.

"Besides the 300 boxes of cookies, the girls sent homemade cards and letters to the soldiers along with five disposable cameras," Lea Ann Bryant, leader of Brownie Troop 216, said. "We're hoping they take lots of pictures and send the cameras back. We'll get the pictures developed here. The girls are really excited about hearing from the soldiers."

The donation drive started

out as a small service project for Bryant's Brownie Troop 216. Bryant's husband, Lt. Col. Thomas Bryant, product manager for Air Warrior, spent several weeks in Afghanistan back in October and November helping a unit field some equipment. When he returned, he told his wife and daughters about living conditions for the soldiers and how rare it was for them to get sweets of any kind.

Bryant ran the idea by leaders of other troops in Service Area 38, which consists of about 16-20 troops, ages 5-18, and it became a full-blown project.

"I thought it was a great idea," Catherine Jones, 16, of Girl Scout Troop 419, said. "A few of my friends' parents are in the military. The soldiers are working so hard for us. It's a way for us to show our appreciation."

At the booth sales in January and February, Girl Scouts put out decorated collection boxes and asked people to buy an

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Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**SHIPPING AND HANDLING—** Girl Scouts from the Madison/Triana area from left, Jennifer Bryant, Rachel Shaner, Sarah Shaner, Catherine Jones and Laura Bryant load boxes of cookies to be shipped to U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan.

# Quality of life issues raised at conference

Volunteers rank concerns,  
offer action plan for top 21

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SSgt. Tirso McCoy saw positive changes on post as a result of last year's Army Family Action Plan Conference so he volunteered to serve as a delegate again this year.

"I wasn't convinced this was going to make a difference when I served last year," Tirso, a member of Charlie Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, said. "But I saw a lot of things happen here — good things — like the car wash and I wanted to come back again and be a part of it. If this issue we're talking about right now

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**TEEN PERSPECTIVE—** Redstone youth from left, Yolanda McDonald, DeRay Tabb, Maya Cotton, Sharee Brinson and Kamisha Abner, work on recommendations during the Army Family Action Plan Conference.

# Letters to the editor

## Guards unshielded from weather

I usually enter and exit the Arsenal via gate 7 on the western end of Martin Road. The guards on the gate are always business-like, yet friendly, and do their jobs without impeding the traffic too much.

Every morning, though, I am concerned to see that, unlike the other Arsenal gates, the guards on gate 7 are not protected in any way from the weather. They do not have a "roof" over their heads as they stand out in all kinds of weather to check our badges. Granted, they have on wet-weather gear but this is not the same as having shelter from the storms.

Will the gate 7 guards be getting any kind of covering any time soon?

**Althea J. Critchlow**

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "First of all, we thank you for your concern for the security personnel working on Redstone Arsenal. We are and have always been concerned about the welfare of our guards who are exposed to the elements and protection from these elements is a high priority with the Garrison. We have designed a 'cover' system for gate 7 and will construct the system in the very near term."*

## Women's history focus for month

*'Women Pioneering the Future' theme for March observance*

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY OFFICE RELEASE**

The 2003 theme for Women's History Month, "Women Pioneering the Future," incorporates both pioneering women from U.S. history, who led and won struggles for equality and civil rights, created and advanced educational and professional opportunities, and made great contributions to the arts, sciences and humanistic causes, and innovative women of today who further these efforts and continue to expand the frontiers of possibility for generations to come.

In 1978, members of the Sonoma County California Commission on the Status of Women initiated the first National Women's History Week and sponsored programs for local schools. This was a community effort to encourage the study of women's history and structure a continuing discovery of women's past. Subsequently, similar efforts spread to other communities across the country.

In 1982, National Women's History Week was first proclaimed a national observance as a result of a joint congressional resolution proposing that such a week be held inclusive in March 8 which is International Women's Day. This joint congressional resolution was co-sponsored by Sen. Orrin Hatch and then Rep. Barbara Mikulski who is now a senator from Maryland. In 1983, the joint resolution designating women's history week requested that the president issue a

proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities. The resolution became law with the signature of the president and communities across the country were informed about Women's History Week. Subsequent resolutions were issued each year designating National Women's History Week until March 1987.

It soon became evident that not all women's history could be condensed into one week's observance. By joint resolution of Congress, the entire month of March in 1987 was designated as Women's History Month. Since then, the National Women's History Month resolution has been approved annually with broad based, bipartisan support in both the House and Senate.

The idea of celebrating the unique, multicultural history of women in the U.S. has captured the imaginations of teachers, librarians, community groups, women's organizations, and thousands of individuals throughout the nation. Each year programs and activities in schools and communities have become more extensive as information and program ideas have been developed and shared. The popularity of women's history celebrations has sparked new interest in uncovering women's forgotten heritage.

Women's history month observances have become more than a call to acknowledge the outstanding American women whose names we do not know, but it also has become a vehicle to pay homage to the nameless women who have shaped our collective past.

## Let's clear air of vulgar talk

I would like to air a troubling issue which is getting progressively worse that many people choose to accept or ignore. Practically everywhere you go these days, whether you're at the Mall, theater, grocery stores, schools, dining out, and certainly sports events, you hear the most vulgar of language in casual conversation. There was a time when you could easily blame that behavior on a lack of education, bitter anger, peer pressure, or overlook it as a case of low self-esteem. That doesn't appear to be the case today.

Has society become so worried about living for today and not caring about tomorrow, dreaming of tomorrow by stepping on people today and many other uncertainties of distraction, that basic respect and consideration for others is simply thrown out the window? I think not!

Most people are quite bothered and

annoyed by this behavior that seems out of control. Several have told me they weren't aware that their behavior was so offensive. Granted, there are those who will never respect themselves and certainly not others, but I've been surprised with responses when discussing this issue.

I consider myself a positive part of this community and I honestly believe that by broadening the awareness, we can make a difference. Think of how nice it would be to visit the local Malls, take a loved one out to dinner, watch a nice movie, or enjoy many other public outings without having to be offended by such language. I'm not so naive to believe that it will completely stop, but we can make a difference and that's all that many respectful people would like to see.

**Samuel Brown  
Madison**

## An open lane random survey

*What do you think about affirmative action?*

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**Shantanu Tantuwaya,  
RDEC**

**"They should keep it. It's a good idea. It improves the quality of certain people and provides them with a better education and jobs."**



**Ernest Hobson,  
defense contractor**

**"I think, when used properly, affirmative action is a very good idea."**



**Lt. Col. Kim  
Schilperoort**  
**"It's absolutely necessary."**

**The program has been in there, they need to fine tune it so that it's not something that is used improperly and is used in a way that's constructive for the organization and still serves its intended use."**



**Jesse Rand Jr.,  
LOGSA**

**"I think affirmative action definitely has its place in our society because we still have issues when it comes to race."**

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# Force protection alert would increase vehicle inspections

Only three gates would open if threat level goes to Delta

By DAN O'BOYLE  
For the Rocket

The current Redstone Arsenal Force Protection Condition remains at Bravo plus. Nonetheless, the Team Redstone work force is reminded that FPCON elevation remains a possibility.

If the FPCON for Redstone Arsenal is elevated to Charlie, gate 8 at the intersection of Goss and Patton Roads will be closed. Additionally, the frequency of vehicle inspections will increase at other gates.

If the FPCON is elevated to Delta, only three gates — gate 1 (Martin Road east), gate 7 (Martin Road west) and gate 9

(Rideout Road) — will remain open for key essential personnel only. Gates 3, 8 and 10 will close.

Also, under Delta, gate 5 (Triana Boulevard) will open temporarily to allow access for law enforcement officers and firefighters as well as senior key and essential personnel (GS-15s and above, 06 and above, and CSM).

Command, control, security, guard, police, fire, communication and utilities employees, as well as those personnel with unique managerial and technical skills required by the wartime mission will report for duty under Delta.

Fewer employees will require access under Delta, however delays can be expected, as a 100-percent vehicle inspection will be in effect. Employees are encouraged to clean out their cars to expedite the inspections.

Also, the airspace above the Arsenal will placed in a restricted status by the Federal Aviation Administration.

It is anticipated that FPCON Delta will only last for a short period of time.

"The real defense against terrorism is awareness," Col. Bob Devlin, garrison commander, said. "If we do go to Delta, we will surge our assets from the three closed gates to ease gate wait times at the three open gates."

Employees are encouraged to assure that their emergency contact information on the Redstone Personnel Locator (<https://dpd15.redstone.army.mil:4458/index.html>) is up to date.

Similar to the current inclement weather alert notification plan, the Public Affairs Office will announce that the FPCON has changed to radio stations

WAHR, 99.1 FM; WDRM, 102.1 FM; WEKR, 1240 AM; WEUP, 1600 AM; WGSV, 1270 AM; WJAB, 90.9 FM; WLRH, 89.3 FM; WRAB, 1380 AM; WRSA, 97 FM; WTKI, 1450 AM; WVNN, 770 AM; WWIC, 1050 AM; WZYP, 104.3 FM; and television stations WAAY (Channel 31), WAFF (Channel 48) and WHNT (Channel 19).

Additionally, an employee can call 955-8445 to hear a recorded announcement or log on to the Team Redstone Internet site ([www.redstone.army.mil](http://www.redstone.army.mil)), clicking the Force Protection Condition button for the latest information.

Employees not required to report for duty under Delta will be paid, but should be available to be contacted as conditions change.



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

## High energy ceremony

Col. Richard De Fatta, Short Range Air Defense project manager, addresses the audience in the Bob Jones Auditorium during Friday's transition ceremony, marking the move of the Mobile Tactical High Energy Laser from the Space and Missile Defense Command to the Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense. MTHL has destroyed 122 millimeter Katyusha rockets and 152 millimeter artillery shells during its test phase.

## National emergency means most stay home

Those deemed mission essential would be allowed through gates

Primary organizations on Redstone Arsenal must code their personnel (military, civilian and contractors) in the Redstone Personnel Central Repository for access during the following three levels: Installation Closed Due to Security, Only Key Essential Employees should report at Force Protection Condition Delta; Installation is closed to all but Mission Essential; and Installation is closed due to a weather emergency.

After coding their employees, primary organizations must ensure their employees are told their status in this system. If employees are unsure, they need to discuss it with their chain of command. Employees of other local commands outside Redstone Arsenal are not covered by this guidance, but should contact their chain of command for guidance.

The majority of employees who work at Redstone Arsenal will not report for work during Force Protection Condition Delta. At one of these three levels, Army Redstone military, civilian, and contract employees should not report for work unless they have been designated to come

to work at that level. Employees who are not required to report for work will remain in a duty status and will be paid. They should be able to be reached at one of the phone numbers they have provided in the automated Redstone Personnel Locator in case they need to be called to work. During these alert levels, those not designated in the PCR will be denied access to the Redstone Arsenal.

It is essential that all organizations on

Redstone Arsenal review and continuously update their employee listings in the PCR system. Daily updates of the PCR listings will be provided to all gate guard personnel.

Contractor employees should request guidance from their immediate supervisor as to their status. Organizations requiring deliveries of critical items such as rations or essential spares will need to carefully coordinate the delivery requirement with the provost marshal.

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Alpha	X	X	X	X
Bravo	X	X	X	X
Charlie	X	X	X	X
Delta			X	
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Mission Essential Only				
Weather Emergency				X
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# Reflect on diverse history, make future better



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**UPLIFTING ACT—** The Save the Youth Mime Team performs during the annual festival.

## African-American Festival makes stand for team unity

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Words were unnecessary. The mime team got its message across.

That was the case for the entire eighth annual African-American Festival held Thursday at Bob Jones Auditorium. An underlying message, to appreciate peo-

ple's differences while realizing they're all members of the human race, rang true.

"Reflect on the history but use it as a leverage to change the future," Jim Flinn, deputy to the commanding general, said in opening remarks. "Make this a better place for all of us."

"We're going to celebrate the differences but also celebrate some of the same things in people – celebrate their hearts and minds," emcee Lee Marshall, of WAFF-TV 48, said.

Performers included the Save the Youth Mime Team, the Grissom High Concert Choir, singer Tommie Lockhart, and the Save the Youth Choral Group from Stone Middle School. An estimated 300 people attended the event which was sponsored by the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles, Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office. This year's theme was "United We Stand – Team Redstone."

A video presentation, "All Blood is Red," featured SSgt. Sheldon Travick of Delta Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion. He portrayed a soldier writing to his mother from the battlefield.

Awards were presented to the following winners of a display contest and essay contest highlighting achievements and contributions that African-Americans have made and continue to make to this nation:

- Display winners – Headquarters & Alpha Company, first place; Bravo Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, second; and HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade, third.

- Essay winners – Pvt. Ashley Shoemaker of Bravo Company, first; Pvt. Kenneth Robinson of Bravo Company, second; and Drill Sgt. Elizabeth Austin of Charlie Company, third.

February is celebrated as Black History Month.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**PERSONNEL SISTERS—** Members of customer support group C at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center are dressed for the occasion at the African-American Festival. From left, in front row, are Betty Duke and Jackie Bennett, group chief; and in back row, TyAnne Thomas, Syleria Jarmon and Dorothy Tiller.



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extra box of cookies to donate to soldiers in Afghanistan.

"I figured we might get anywhere from 100 to 200 boxes but the response was overwhelming," Bryant said. "We ended up collecting more than 440 boxes."

Although they were thrilled with the support from individuals, organizations and businesses that provided the cookies, the Girl Scouts were faced with the postage problem. Bryant estimated postage would cost about \$170.

Bryant called Natalie Taylor, exceptional family member program manager at

Army Community Service, to see if there was any way they could get the cookies shipped from this ACS to an ACS overseas. ACS wasn't set up to offer direct funding for the project but Taylor did some investigating on the Girl Scouts' behalf.

"She appealed to the chaplains on Redstone," Bryant said. "They graciously cut us a check for \$170 to cover postage. We added another \$40 to it from profits of the cookie sales and shipped four moving boxes full of cookies to Afghanistan."

The Girl Scouts decided they wanted to "spread the sweetness" to local veterans as well so they delivered the remaining 140 boxes of cookies to the Tut Fann Veterans Home on Saturday.

"They (the veterans) were extremely excited to get them," Bryant said. "There was enough for every resident to have a box with a few boxes left over."

"We can't help them much," Rachel Shaner, 14, of Troop 419, said about the soldiers serving in Afghanistan. "The cookies are a way to show them that we care."

Jennifer and Laura Bryant from Brownie Troop 216 hope the cookies bring a lot of joy to soldiers "stuck in a hard place."

"They had to sleep on the ground," Jennifer, 9, said. "I think they'll be happy to get the cookies, especially the chocolate ones."

Laura, 6, smiled brightly with a sparkle in her eye. "I hope they get fat on them," she said.

This is Bryant's third year to lead her daughters' Brownie troop and it will be the last year here. The family is moving to Washington, D.C. this summer so Tom can attend the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

"We're used to it," said Bryant, who spent five years in the Army, went to jump school and served as a military intelligence officer. "We're hard-core Army and love it."

"I hope the Scouts will do this again next year," she said. "There's always soldiers out there serving who love to get packages from home."



Courtesy photo

## Essay winner

Tayla Blake, daughter of contract specialist Malissa Blake of the Acquisition Center, won a Black History Essay contest sponsored by Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company for sixth-graders of J.E. Williams Technology Middle School. She wrote about Benjamin Banneker.

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# Helicopter repair shops on ground in Kuwait

## Guardsmen assemble maintenance shelters

By **BOB WHISTINE**  
*Army Materiel Command*

KUWAIT — As you drive around the country of Kuwait, you will see Bedouin tribesmen herding goats and sheep. Occasionally, you will see some camels. Depending on where you are, you might now see a LAM or two or three. Not lambs but LAMS.

A Large Area Maintenance Shelter, or LAMS, is a semi-mobile shelter platform system that can be deployed worldwide on a 72-hour notice.

“This was the first time my soldiers assembled a LAMS. It took us about five days to set up the first LAM,” said SFC William Cone, the NCO in charge for the 1109th Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot, a National Guard unit from Groton, Conn. “It’s like assembling a giant puzzle. You take all the parts out of the crates, lay them out and begin assembling.”

His 11-man advance party is made of members of AVCRAD units from California, Missouri and Mississippi. “Our main mission is to repair helicopters,” Cone said. “I was in the Gulf War One and we worked in a LAMS, but they were not constructed on concrete. This offers us a better work environment. They are more secure and a better, cleaner work area free

of some of the sand and dust. When we get this built, then we can begin working on helicopters.”

LAMSs are designed to support Force Projection and Staging Base operations for maintenance of aviation and ground combat vehicles. Each end of a shelter has a full-width, full-height clamshell type door. Each shelter is supplied with equipment for lighting, ventilation and electrical door opening.

“You can put two Chinooks in one of these or several smaller size helicopters and provide protection while you fix the problem,” said Bob Abbuzzase, program leader for LAMS at Natick Soldier Center.

Semi-portable, corrosion- and weather-resistant, LAMSs are designed to last up to eight years. The current plan is to have two in Kuwait.

“We hope they last up to six years in the environment,” Abbuzzase said. “For an unfunded program that the Army does not have a requirement for, we are doing one hell of a job.”

“Coalition Forces Land Component Command funded the repair of these shelters. They had a need for the LAMSs,” he said.

“The Soldiers, Biological, Chemical Command is responsible for the shelters,” Karl Wolf, SBCCOM’s senior command representative in Kuwait, said. “CFLCC requested the LAMSs through the U.S. Army Materiel Command.”

LAMSs have been used in Bosnia,



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**SHELTERED LIFESTYLE—** National Guardsmen begin to assemble a second LAMS in Kuwait.

Macedonia, Kosovo, Hungary, Italy, Honduras, Puerto Rico and now Kuwait. They offer aviation units an on-site facility that provides quick maintenance and return to the unit capability.

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is designed to accommodate air conditioning or heat.

LAMSs for vehicles are not quite as wide. They are 65 feet wide by 120 feet long and 30 feet high. They also have lights and electrical distribution systems in place. The end walls open, and they have two sidewall vehicle doors.

# Newest Black Hawk deploys to Afghanistan

## Helicopter designed for med evacuation

By **Pvt. TERRI RORKE**  
*Army News Service*

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — A California National Guard pilot flew an HH-60L helicopter right off a state-side factory’s lot on the first leg of its journey to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, in February.

The two-month-old helicopter, one of just two HH-60Ls now in Afghanistan, is the latest edition to the line of Black Hawks and is designed specifically for medical evacuation. There are only 12 other helicopters like it. The HH-60L medevac helicopter is managed by the Utility Helicopters Project Office at Redstone Arsenal.

SFC Gary Volkman of the California National Guard’s 126th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), now deployed to Afghanistan, said his unit is lucky to have two of these rare Black Hawks. One was built in November and the

other in January.

“These are the first two to be deployed,” said Volkman, the acting first sergeant of a 24-hour standby all-paramedic team of 20.

Due to the many paramedic-friendly features the distinguished bubble-nosed helicopter possesses, it was decided Bagram would be its first deployment location.

While the previous model of the Black Hawk the 126th was using, the UH-60L, allowed crewmembers to carry all the needed equipment onboard, the HH-60L has many features that make it easier for the paramedics, Volkman said.

The stationary medical interior includes an onboard oxygen-generating system, provisions for medical electronics, a six-litter patient configuration, room for a medic plus another essential individual.

Other features include the latest infrared and navigational capabilities, a storm scope and a 290-foot hoist, which travels 350 feet a minute for quick reaction time. The hoist may be needed for various rescues, Volkman explained.

“We can lower a medic down into a mine field to pick up an injured person and it is a lot faster than the old internal hoist.”

These new helicopters are not cheap.

“They are roughly 14 million dollars a piece,” Volkman said.

While only being in Afghanistan a couple of weeks, the medevac helicopter has already seen a few rescues dealing with land-mine accidents and a couple incidents of kids playing with explosive ordnance.

*Editor’s note: Pvt. Terri Rorke is a member of the 11th Public Affairs Detachment.*

# Black Hawk crash kills four soldiers in Kuwait

By **KATHLEEN RHEM**  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — A Black Hawk helicopter crash in the Kuwaiti desert killed four American soldiers Feb. 25.

U.S. military officials in Kuwait said the UH-60 helicopter crashed during a nighttime training mission near Camp New Jersey, about 31 miles northwest of Kuwait City.

The aircraft was deployed to Kuwait from the Germany-based V Corps. It was conducting training with another helicopter from V Corps, which was not involved in the crash. The four crewmembers who died were the only personnel aboard at the time of the crash, officials said. Their identities were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

In late January, another Black Hawk crash killed all four crewmembers aboard near Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

Elsewhere in the region, coalition aircraft from Operation Northern Watch struck three surface-to-air missile systems in northern Iraq after they were moved into the Northern No-fly Zone.

Coalition aircrews used precision-guided weapons to strike the missile systems between 5 and 6:30 p.m. Eastern time Feb. 24, U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, reported. EUCOM has operational control over the ONW mission.

The last such Northern Watch strike was Jan. 31, when coalition aircraft, in self-defense, dropped precision-guided weapons on Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery 10 miles east of Mosul, according to a EUCOM news release.



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■ Conference delegates offer recommendations

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changes, it could save me a lot of money.”

Tirso was referring to the issue of eliminating the basic allowance for housing from the computation of total family income, which is what determines the fees each family is charged for child care at post facilities. The federal tax law changed this year to exclude BAH from total income for earned credit income and the group would like to see the same exclusion when calculating child care fees.

“It is one of our top three issues,” he said.

Tirso is one of more than 80 people who volunteered to work at Redstone’s Army Family Action Plan conference Feb. 25-26 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

About 50 volunteers served in small working groups as delegates charged with discussing and ranking all the issues submitted to their group. Groups included medical/dental, youth, civilian employment, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, commissary/Army Air Force Exchange Service, family housing/facilities maintenance and Traffic/transportation/personnel/finance. Each group also had subject matter experts, a facilitator and recorder.

“This is a community effort to address quality of life issues at Redstone,” Sue Paddock, director of Army Community Service, said. “Out of this process the command is able to make improvements for people working and living here. If it can’t be solved here, it goes up the chain.”

Some 108 issues were brought to the conference through the quality of life survey conducted by ACS. Delegates brought another 21 to the table. Groups discussed every issue presented to them then voted to select the top three issues that would be briefed to the command. Once the top three were selected, delegates worked with the subject matter experts to come up with recommendations on how each issue could be resolved.

Resolutions for some issues require congressional changes or Army policy changes and must be addressed at higher levels. Issues elevated from Redstone are forwarded to Army Materiel Command. AMC conducts a similar conference to address issues received from its subordinate commands and then selects which will be elevated to the Department of

Army level.

For example, the top issue from the medical/dental group addressed increasing Tricare’s maximum allowable charges to attract more providers — an issue that cannot be resolved locally.

On the other hand, improving pharmacy wait times at Fox Army Health Center, the group’s No. 2 issue, may be able to be solved with changes made locally.

Many of the top issues from this year’s conference are things that can be handled at the local level. The command was briefed at the end of the conference on the top 21 issues and recommendations.

“But every issue gets attention,” Larry Leggett, program manager for quality of life at ACS and conference coordinator, said. “All the issues that came out of this will be addressed by the command, even if it doesn’t make the top three. This process gives everyone an equal voice, no matter how big or seemingly small the issue.”

Marv Carlson, civilian with Program Executive Office for Aviation and retired National Guardsman, served as a delegate for Morale, Welfare and Recreation and was pleased to see how much attention was given to the issues that didn’t make the top three.

“It is a personal issue for me and one that was brought up here, the fact that most people in the Guard don’t know they have the right to use most of the MWR facilities on post. The auto crafts center, gyms. They can even hunt out here. The rules changed a few years ago (to allow access) but the mindset out in the Guard units is that they can’t use these facilities. Even though this isn’t a top issue, Dan (Ahern, director of personnel and community activities) said he would get to work on that.”

The youth group is also back in the conference this year after being gone a year. Fourteen youth were selected by Youth Center teen coordinator Yashica Smith to serve as delegates for the youth working group.

“This gives us the opportunity to voice our opinion on how to better Redstone Arsenal’s environment,” Kamisha Abner, 17, said.

The group’s top issue addressed the need for more employment opportunities for youth on Redstone.

“We’re very limited here,” Maya Cotton, 17, said. “We need more opportunities for employment that offers a chance



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**MORALE BOOSTER—** Marv Carlson, retired National Guard and civilian with Program Executive Office for Aviation, and Rebekah Huddleston, military spouse, participate in group discussions about changing the way child care fees are calculated for centers on post.

for us to build our communication skills, expand our responsibilities and give us more variety in work experience. Yes, there’s the commissary and Burger King but there’s also retirees who want those jobs. We’d also like work programs that open doors to more professional job careers.”

The command has a couple of months to determine a course of action for resolution to the issues briefed last week. The back brief is expected in May but no date has been set.

“It’s a great conference,” Leggett said. “I thought the bad weather would keep people away but everyone showed up trained and ready to go to work. I’m so grateful to the volunteers who helped coordinate the conference, pulling everything together, and to those that came here to serve.”

Following are the top three issues and recommendations from each working group.

## Medical/dental

Issue 1: The Tricare maximum allowable charges needs to be increased sufficiently to ensure adequate numbers of providers participate. Scope: The present reimbursement schedule is not competitive with other health care insurance rates. This results in a low number of physicians in each specialty who are willing to join as providers. As a result very few specialists are available in certain specialties within the Tricare network. This results in an increase in appointment wait times exceeding acceptable access standards and/or undesirable travel and cost requirement to obtain specialty care. This interferes with a timely response to patients’ health care needs. Recommendations: Draft legislative change to increase the Tricare maximum allowable charges to be competitive with the health insurance rates.

Issue 2: Pharmacy wait time for prescriptions is unacceptable to beneficiaries. Scope: Majority of prescription filled at Fox are for non-prime beneficiaries. Pharmacy staffing is based on number of active duty and prime enrollees. The

demand for pharmacy service has increased constantly over the past five years, while the physical space of the pharmacy and waiting area is static. Increasing pharmacy/waiting area requires elimination of other critical services. Recommendation: Construct a satellite pharmacy within the AAFES main exchange complex to improve access and waiting area environment.

Issue 3: Tricare travel reimbursement imposes undue financial burden on beneficiaries. Scope: The distance requirements for reimbursement inadequately addresses cost incurred to receive required specialty care. Incurred expenses become significant but are not addressed under current rules until the 100 mile travel distance is reached, when beneficiaries are required to travel outside the DoD/HA 60 minute access standard. Current mileage calculation based on the Defense Table of Distance are notoriously inaccurate and result in inequitable determinations of travel payment eligibility. Recommendations: Reduce mileage requirements from 100 miles to 60 miles and replace the Defense Table of Distance using alternative accurate point-to-point distance methodology, such as are currently available at free Internet sites.

## Civilian employment

Issue 1: Inconsistency in selection and promotion processes. Scope: There are inconsistencies in selection and promotion process within organizations serviced by Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. Managers are operating under various internal procedures. As a result, many employees are denied promotion opportunities and professional growth. Recommendation: Establish an interoperable standard for all activities serviced by AMCOM CPAC. Standards should address need for selection panels for all activities; the number of candidates interviewed; and documentation of selection process.

Issue 2: AMCOM policy for non-competitive promotions as a result of a position review is too restrictive. Scope: Current

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AMCOM policies dictate that the commander must approve non-competitive permanent promotions. Current trends indicate this policy does not allow employees to be compensated for performing higher level additional duties. Recommendation: Modify current policy to allow management authority to non-competitively promote as a result of position review.

Issue 3: Post deployment program. Scope: There is no post-deployment program for National Guard members and Reservists returning to federal employment. There is no consolidated source of information nor direct point of contact explaining federal benefits and entitlements. Because of this, many transitioning employees are uninformed/misinformed of changes affecting civilian employment, retirement, Thrift Savings Plan and other rights. Recommendations: Implement a post-deployment program in the Redstone Arsenal community. Assess the need for an Armywide post-deployment program.

## Commissary/AAFES

Issue 1: All weather shelter at AAFES main exchange bus stop. Scope: The bus stop in front of the AAFES main exchange does not afford protection from harsh weather conditions. The bus stop is used predominately by soldiers whose main means of transportation is the shuttle bus or taxi. Other patrons of the AAFES main exchange and commissary also use this area when awaiting transportation. In addition, the practice of using the AAFES main exchange foyer as a waiting area causes congestion and can be a safety hazard. Recommendations: Install an all-weather shelter at the AAFES main exchange bus stop that will accommodate 15-20 people.

Issue 2: Van accessible and handicap parking at AAFES main exchange and commissary mall. Scope: Presently, the AAFES main exchange and commissary mall parking lot does not have van accessible handicap parking. In addition, designated spaces are insufficient in number and do not satisfy the needs of patrons. Lack of space creates hardship for patrons who are an integral part of the Redstone Arsenal community. Recommendations: Designate additional handicap parking to include van accessible spaces in the AAFES main exchange and commissary mall parking lot.

Issue 3: Commissary dairy and ice cream aisles are congested. Scope: The aisles in front of the dairy and ice cream sections in the commissary are stacked with overflow and promotional merchandise. This causes congestion in these areas and inconvenience for shoppers. Recommendation: Relocate or realign merchandise in the dairy and ice cream aisles to eliminate congestion.

## Traffic/transportation/personnel/finance

Issue 1: Shuttle bus hours. Scope: The shuttle stops running weekdays at 8 p.m. and Initial Entry Training students are not able to wait for the shuttle and complete personal business after duty hours (i.e., meals, errands, and purchase essentials). Students also have free time during week-ends to conduct personal business, but do not have sufficient shuttle transportation

since it stops running at 6 p.m. on Saturdays and 4 p.m. on Sundays. Recommendations: Extend shuttle hours to correspond with AAFES main exchange closing hours.

Issue 2: Basic Allowance for Housing for junior enlisted. Scope: Current BAH does not adequately cover actual reasonable costs associated with residing off post; whereas, on post housing fully covers rent and utilities. Recommendations: Increase BAH to the average cost of local housing. Authorize utility allowance based on reasonable local consumption rates.

Issue 3: Survivor benefit plan offset. Scope: SBP is a voluntary annuity type plan paid monthly by retired military members for the benefit of surviving spouses. The advertised amount of SBP a spouse will receive is 55 percent of the servicemember's retirement pay. However, when the surviving spouse reaches age 62 (and receives Social Security payments) the SBP is offset to as low as 35 percent of the servicemember retirement pay. This is unfair because an annuity payment should not be offset by an entitlement. If this amount for SBP were invested in a commercial insurance policy or similar financial instrument, it would not be offset. Recommendations: Eliminate the offset to SBP when Social Security payments begin.

## Youth group

Issue 1: Youth summer hire program. Scope: Youth of military families have limited opportunities for employment such as: establishing jobs that offer communication skills, responsibility and dedication. Currently the youth aren't incorporated into using the technology that is available to them. Teens without job experience are not learning necessary skills such as responsibility and dedication. Youth are deprived of job opportunities that would give them productive communication skills to prepare for future advancements. Recommendations: Broaden opportunities for youth at the Space and Rocket Center, Marshall Space Flight Center and NASA. Redstone Arsenal should create openings for youth involving areas of technology.

Issue 2: Postwide shuttle systems available to youth. Scope: There is not currently a transportation system available to the youth of Redstone Arsenal. Youth living in certain parts of the Arsenal are not able to utilize facilities throughout the post. Participation in the youth center suffers, as well as other activities and events. Unavailability of safe, reliable transportation restricts youth activities on post. Recommendation: Expand the existing shuttle system to include the youth on the Arsenal.

Issue 3: Youth sponsorship program. Scope: The youth sponsorship program should be activated at Redstone Arsenal. New arriving teens do not know what to do or where to go when they arrive. Redstone Arsenal affiliates do not know the programs available for their youth. Teens do not have programs to deal with nomadic lifestyles. Recommendation: Implement a program that provides a sense of community and allows teens to feel welcomed and valued.

## Family housing/facilities maintenance

Issue 1: Concerns with housing man-

agement. Scope: Affects servicemembers and their families of Redstone Arsenal. Policies and assignments of quarters are inconsistent and give the perception of favoritism. Mismanagement of housing waiting list creates undue stress, financial hardship, and destroys morale. Unit readiness is disrupted and quality of life declines, resulting in a likely decrease in retention. Recommendations: Assign an external team (i.e., Inspector General, Internal Review and Compliance Office) to audit housing procedures. Create an interactive web site posting housing waiting list/availability and customer satisfaction survey (similar to MWR) with a five business day response time. Monthly housing information/dissemination of information.

Issue 2: Routine preventative maintenance for pest control. Scope: The adopted recommendations to last year's AFAP issue were insufficient because they failed to incorporate preventative measures. Recommendations: Redstone Arsenal residents should be afforded quarterly preventative pest control on the external perimeters of the quarters similar to private sector parties. Retain item 3 pertaining to building coordinator's responsibilities, determined in last year's AFAP.

Issue 3: Re-evaluation of policy for quarters assignment. Scope: Current policies/regulations do not consider size of the family when assigning quarters. Overcrowding creates a deleterious effect on the quality of life. Recommendations: Family housing should be assigned according to size of the family and availability of quarters within enlisted, private through master sergeant, and officers, second lieutenant through colonel.

## Morale, welfare and recreation

Issue 1: Information support for family care plan provider. Scope: Providers are not given adequate information on benefits and services available to the child prior to accepting responsibility. Guardians need to know the procedures for accessing the child's entitlements. Lack of information causes a loss of benefits and services resulting in undue stress and hardship. Recommendations: Provide a fact sheet outlining benefits and services available to the child as well as procedures for accessing those entitlements. Include this fact sheet in the FCP packet. Require commanders to verify receipt of fact sheet as part of FCP certification.

Issue 2: Computation of child care fees. Scope: Basic Allowance for Housing should not be a factor in determining Total Family Income for child care fees. In 1993 the earned income credit included BAQ/BAH which was the basis for the computation of TFI. The inclusion of BAH in TFT forces parents to pay disproportionate fees. Recommendations: Eliminate BAH from the computation of TFI to coincide with current tax changes.

Issue 3: Recruitment of new military families. Scope: During the recruitment process, new military families lack standardized information on their benefits and entitlements. Families are entering military life unaware of how to access their entitled benefits while the soldier is in basic training. This causes undue hardship on the family unit. Recommendations: Incorporate family members in the recruitment process. Provide an Army standardized fact sheet outlining benefits and entitlements including contact information for these services.







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# Redstone supports Special Olympics bowling

*Soldiers give tips on bowling, take tips on life from athletes*

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Army Community Service and soldiers from Redstone were happy once again to support the annual Special Olympics Bowling Tournament, Thursday at Huntsville's Plamor Lanes.

Some 240 students and adults from all over Madison County were ready to test their skills on 30 lanes.

"This is our area bowling tournament. So this is everybody in Madison County," Kay Scott from Special Olympics said. "This is Huntsville city schools, Madison city schools, Madison County schools and all the adults in the community. Everybody will get a trophy and a ribbon."

The best special bowlers from the community were in attendance for the state qualifier. Some brought their own shoes and balls, but everyone packed a smile.

ACS reaches out to the mentally and physically handicapped as part of its Exceptional Family Member Program. This trip to the Special Olympics tourney was not its first by far.

"It's a tradition," Sue Paddock, ACS director, said. "We've been involved a long time. I would say safely that it's been over 30 years. It's a great teamwork initiative." ACS coordinated the soldiers' attendance. Volunteers were on hand to supply free refreshments for the event.

"This is my second year," Natalie Taylor, exceptional family member program manager, said. "We love doing it and we're really happy that we're able to."

Over the years a steady stream of soldiers has also helped. MSgt. William Loew, special events coordinator, ensures the word gets out when it's volunteer time for Special Olympics events.

"A lot of the soldiers here are young. They're still in school," Loew said. "They think they have problems until they spend



Photo by Kelley Lane

**CONGRATS—** High-fives were the order of the day as Pvt. Eddie Bryan congratulates Jonathon Johnson on a frame well bowled.

a morning with these kids. This is a memory for them that will last a lifetime."

Soldiers serve as coaches, ready to lend a hand when needed. While their intended purpose involved tasks such as physical assistance, helping with shoe and ball selection, and helping the bowlers find the right lane at the right time, they also provided encouragement, game tips and a cheering section. This is a learning experience for the soldiers as well as bowlers, designed to instill a sense of community and arm them with something else crucial to their training — compassion.

"The soldiers get a sense of the civil service and values we try to instill in them

before they leave Redstone Arsenal," Garrison CSM Lawrence Rogers said.

"This gives the soldiers a chance to come out from under their comfort zone and give back to the community," said Drill Sgt. Brandon Short, who brought members of Charlie Company to the event. "It helps them put themselves on the backburner. They're blessed with everything working properly. They can come out here and have a good time while learning to be thankful for what they have been blessed with."

While both soldiers and bowlers were a bit shy at first, their trepidation gave way to excitement as the first pins fell. By the end of the event, friendships had been forged. "They're here not only for this event but also for the track and field. They sent hundreds of soldiers to that," said Officer Ben Jennings, community relations officer for the Huntsville Police Department and a Special Olympics event regular. "We couldn't do it without them. There's no way."

"They (the special athletes) love the soldiers," Scott said. "They like the uniforms. There is nobody the kids would rather have around than the soldiers."

The feeling was mutual. "I was there for track and field last fall, so when I had the opportunity to volunteer for today I took it. I've had a great time," Pvt. Joe Johnson said.

Another bowling tourney is being planned for April on post for those who could not attend last week's event. Bowlers will be selected from these events to go to the state tournament in Auburn. The number selected will not be



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**READY TO ROLL—** Pvt. Justin Bailey, left, and Pvt. Tim Noble help Elizabeth Bogosi get ready to bowl.



Photo by Kelley Lane

**SPECIAL DAY—** From left Natalie Taylor, Olympian Paul Tucker, Sue Paddock and Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Rogers are all smiles as the day begins.

announced until May, but it is estimated to be about 12.

Track and field events along with a trip to the state fair are being planned for later in the year. ACS and soldiers will be present for those also. "These soldiers performed a terrific service for their community today. They are all volunteers," Maj. John Hughey said. "Just coming in here today I can tell these soldiers have formed a relationship and a bond with these athletes. The soldiers are learning some Army values today. Honor, duty, courage — the children are teaching these things to the soldiers."



# Don't go nuts – but food might prevent cancer

*Naturally occurring substances present in fruits and vegetables*

By ROSEMARY GATES

Dietitian, Fox Army Health Center

Ever think that the prevention of heart disease, cancer and other chronic diseases could be as simple as eating a few extra fruits and vegetables a day? That may be how we treat diseases in the not too distant future.

Phytochemicals and antioxidants are naturally occurring substances present in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts and legumes. These substances have been identified as containing properties for aiding disease prevention. Antioxidants work by stabilizing or deactivating harmful molecules called free radicals before they attack cells and thus help prevent damage to a cell's DNA. Phytochemicals appear to be involved in many processes, including ones that help prevent cancer cell replication and decrease cholesterol levels.

More than 900 different phytochemicals have been identified as components of food, and more continue to be discovered every day. One serving of vegetables may contain as many as 100 different phytochemicals. The Food Guide Pyramid, developed by the USDA, suggests including two to four servings of fruits, three to five servings of vegetables, and a minimum of six whole grain foods each day. Despite these recommendations the average American consumes only one

serving of vegetables and one serving of fruit each day. Products made from highly refined flour, sugar and oils continue to be the primary constituents of the American diet.

Can we take a pill containing these healthy substances? Extracted phytochemicals are being added every day to vitamin/mineral supplements. However, consumption of a supplement will provide only the isolated phytochemical. It will not provide the diversity of compounds which may not have been discovered and that occur naturally in foods. We need to continue to make efforts to increase our fruit, vegetable and whole grain consumption so we can acquire the benefits of a variety of phytochemicals and antioxidants versus taking a pill that may contain only one form of these substances.

Here are some foods that are loaded with phytochemicals:

- Tomatoes — Although technically a fruit, tomatoes are high in lycopene, an important antioxidant that helps fight cancer and gives tomatoes their color. Tomatoes are also a rich source of Vitamin C.

- Nuts — Although they are high in fat, nuts contain monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fat (the good fats). When eaten in place of high fat junk food, nuts can help lower LDL (bad cholesterol) and increase HDL (good cholesterol). Nuts also contain vitamin E, an antioxidant that may help prevent heart disease and cancer. Unfortunately, nuts are high in calories so be sure to eat them by the handful, not the bowlful!

- Spinach — Spinach is loaded with iron and folate, a B-complex vitamin. In addition, spinach contains two phytochemicals, lutein and zeaxanthine, that help prevent macular degeneration (a serious eye condition that can lead to blindness).

- Blueberries — Blueberries appear to contain more antioxidants than any other fruit or vegetable. Anthocyanin is the health promoting photochemical that gives blueberries their "blue" color and helps fight cancer. Another benefit of blueberries is that like cranberries, anthocyanins help prevent urinary tract infections by making it hard for bacteria to stick to the urinary tract walls.

- Green tea — Green tea has been linked with lower risk of stomach, esophageal, and liver cancer. Polyphenol, the phytochemical in green tea, has been identified as the cancer-fighting agent. As an antioxidant, polyphenol is 100 times more potent than Vitamin C.

These are just a few of the foods that contain phytochemicals and antioxidants. There are hundreds more different phytochemicals/antioxidants found in food! To maximize your intake, include a variety of fruits, vegetables and grains in your diet for good health today and tomorrow.

*Editor's note: Information for this article was obtained from Cheshire Medical Center: Nutritional News, March 2002 and Ohio State University Extension Fact Sheet.*



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## Future photographer

Rhonda Warren, a first-grader at Chaffee Elementary, won the PTA's "Reflections" art contest for grades K-2 in the photography division and advances to the state competition. The theme of this year's contest was "Signs of Courage." Her photo was from the cemetery at the Stone's River National Battlefield Park. Her parents, Ron and Linda Warren, are contractors with Sverdrup.

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# Detrick, Patrick do trick for 59th against Marines

### Backcourt duo combine for 54 in 69-59 victory

By SKIP VAUGHN

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HHC 59th's Detrick Bush and Patrick Perry were doing most of the scoring and rebounding for their team against the Marines. But they needed help.

The score was tied 34-all at halftime and the taller Marines had twice as many

players as the shorthanded 59th.

That's when the 59th's role players took center stage.

They turned up the heat on defense and came away with a 69-59 win over the Marines on Feb. 26 at Pagano Gym. The 59th improved to 13-1 and the Marines fell to 11-5.

"It was a good game," said Bush, a 6-foot-2 shooting guard who finished with 31 points and 13 rebounds. "They kept it close and in the end it came down to who had the most heart. Both teams were tired and both teams had injuries at the end of

the game. This is one of the hardest games of the season.”

Perry, the point guard, had 23 points, 15 rebounds, three assists, two steals and two blocks. He and Bush combined on a 7-0 run to start the second half. Bush opened with a layup in the first minute; and Perry followed with a layup plus a three-point play. The 59th never trailed again.

"The Marines had more players than we did," coach Tyrone Stewart said. "We only had seven players, so substitution was key. Detrick Bush and Perry did most of the scoring in the first half; they kept us close. And then the second half, other players came through with a good man-to-man defense and we never looked back. Even though we had seven players, we kept pushing it. Every time the ball came off the rim, we were gone. We ran the whole game."

Michael Copeland started at guard in place of 59th scoring threat Laevrmonde Watts who missed the game after having a toenail removed. Copeland played tough defense on Marine point guards Terrance Tallie and Jason Davis. "I'm mainly a defensive player," he said.

"We've got a couple of all-around players. Everybody plays as a team. We're so small. Everybody knows everybody's strengths and weaknesses," Copeland said.

He was asked how the 59th took charge against the Marines in the second half. "We wanted it, we wanted it more than they did," he said.

Bush carried most of the scoring load, especially in the first half when he had 20. He played three years of high school ball at Royal Air Force Base in Lakeheth, England and earned All-Europe honors in 1996 and '97.

"Mike Copeland picked up Watts' slack," Bush said. "He played some solid 'D' and helped out on offense."

Michael McGilton added three steals; and Darien Butler had nine points with two steals.

Davis scored 19 points for the Marines. Damian Cason added 14 points and 13 rebounds; and Tallie had 13 points.

"We had a little bit too many turnovers (21)," Tallie said.

"They just played harder than us," Marines coach Summer Fields said. "We got some bad calls. We've just got to work harder on it next time."

And the other results last week HHC 59th d. AMCOM 76-48, Bravo-1 d. Alpha 131st by forfeit, Headquarters & Alpha d. Bravo-2 by forfeit, Marines d. Bravo-1 62-47, HHC 59th d. Bravo-2 69-33, Delta d. Charlie 69-36, Charlie d. NCO Academy 70-43, Delta d. Headquarters & Alpha 44-20, Delta d. NCO Academy by forfeit, Bravo-2 d. AMCOM by forfeit and Bravo-1 d. Charlie 63-56.

Here were the league standings entering this week: Delta (13-1), HHC 59th (13-1), Marines (11-5), Bravo-1 (7-5), NCO Academy (7-6), AMCOM (6-8), Headquarters & Alpha (6-8), Charlie (5-10), Alpha 131st (2-10) and Bravo-2 (2-12).

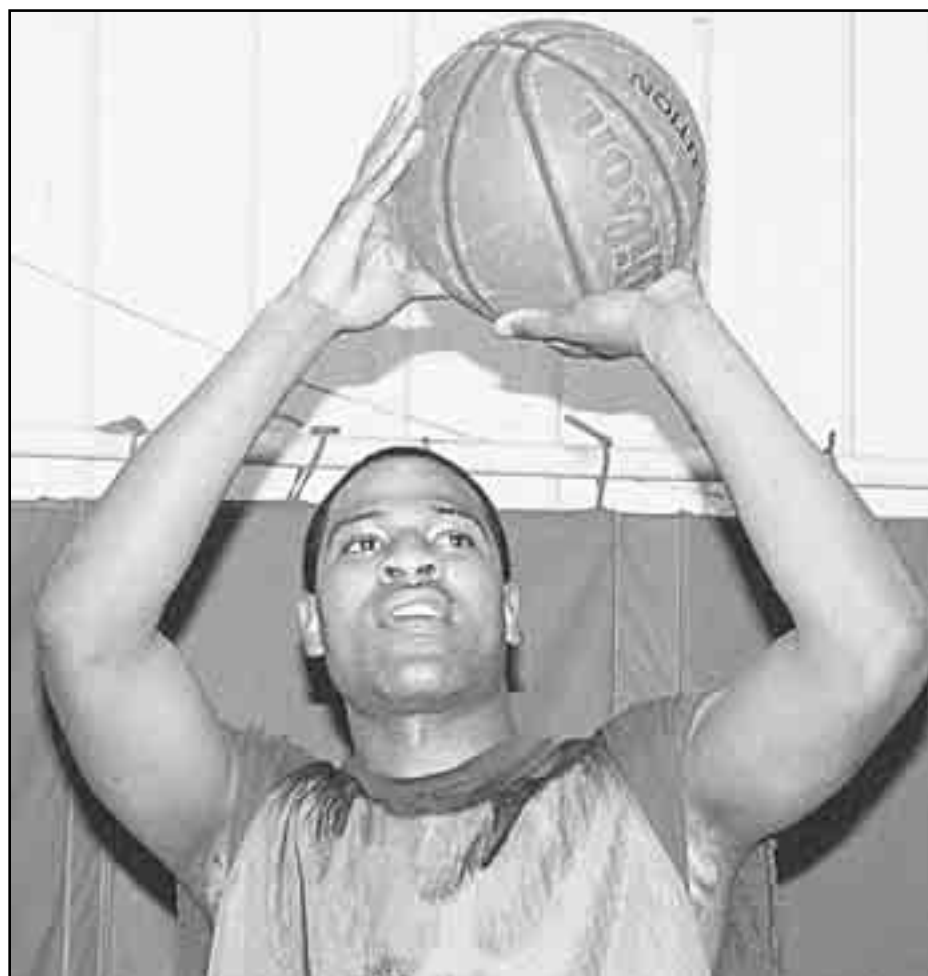


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**SHOOTING STAR—** HHC 59th's Detrick Bush scores a game-high 31 against the Marines.

# Volleyball regulars still rule

Team 1 beat No. 3 last week despite new faces on its opponent's roster in the Redstone Arsenal Volleyball League.

Steve Montgomery, at 6-foot-plus, and his daughter Jessica, who played for Buckhorn High, joined team 3's ranks for the match Feb. 26. Ricky Roundtree serves as team captain.

Team 1 got strong spiking from Randy Pestona and Tom Weigartz and solid setting by Cathy Young in winning 25-16, 25-11, 21-15.

In the second match, team 4 beat Paul Banks' No. 2 team 25-12, 25-14, 21-17. Team 4 leaders included George Guzman, Lawrence Chagualaf, Pam Anderson and Sheri Smith. Banks missed some of his regular players who were away on business or injured.

The volleyball league still wants to recruit players and teams. For information call Paul Banks at 842-6131 or Felix Milar 313-6091.



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# Audience says bravo to Army theater troupe

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**GOOD NIGHT—** Members of the Army's Theatre Bravo wave after their performance Feb. 21.

## Traveling show visits post club

The Army's Theatre Bravo drew rave reviews at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Nearly 250 attended the dinner theater Feb. 21 and more than 350 saw the Feb. 22 show specifically for soldiers.

"Not only were the shows professionally and enthusiastically presented, but I am sure that they touched a personal chord for every member of the audience," Col. Bob Devlin, the garrison commander, said. "I am proud to be on the same team with professionals of their caliber."

"This was an obvious hit," Jennifer Devlin, his wife, said. "We look forward to seeing more dinner theater opportunities on Redstone Arsenal — a great change of pace for our community. The cast and crew were superb, and we were captivated by their performance."

"The Bravo show was a refreshing journey through love of home, family and country," attendee Kim Sumpter said. "Indeed an evening well spent."

"We attended the show on Friday, Feb. 21," Bert Bakken, accompanied by her hus-

band, Harry, said. "We are continually amazed at the talent that we have in our young military people. The show was fabulous and we could not believe that they performed for an hour-plus without a break or a mistake. We are truly blessed to have talented soldiers in our United States Army."

The cast members, two signal systems specialists, a tank gunner, a combat medic and a mental health counselor, have set aside their military duties for six months to bring smiles, laughter and maybe even a tear or two to the faces of soldiers, families and deployed troops from Georgia to Germany.

Selected from live auditions in October, sergeants David Yoder, Maylan Thomas, and Hali Joi Picciano, along with specialists Vanessa Bradchulis and Armando Correa bring their vocal, dance, theatrical, leadership and soldiering skills to this production with enthusiasm and a new appreciation for the hard work needed to stage a show.

The soldiers are assigned to the Army Community and Family Support Center, the agency responsible for more than 200 Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs, of which Army Entertainment and this production is one.

# Emergency relief drive invites contributions

## Annual campaign has \$65,000 goal

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The Army's annual campaign to help its own is under way.

Army Emergency Relief provides loans or grants to active duty and retired soldiers and their families when they need assistance. The AER fund-raising campaign continues through May 15; and a kickoff ceremony was held Monday in Bob Jones Auditorium.

"It helps supports troops that are in need and relieves their mind of home sit-

uations so they can concentrate on doing their job — basically to protect everybody," 1st Lt. William Bridger, the campaign chairman, said. He belongs to Alpha 131st, the activated National Guard unit providing force protection. SSgt. Tyrone Stewart of MEDDAC is the co-chairman.

The campaign goal is \$65,000. Last year's drive raised more than \$102,000, exceeding the \$50,000 goal.

"A large part of that was the result of the soldiers contributing so much in the form of allotments that they did last year," AER officer Kristi Foster said. "The soldiers contributed over \$30,000 in allotments last year."

Last year some \$352,733 was distrib-

uted to 483 active duty soldiers, retirees and qualifying family members. Army-wide, \$38 million went to more than 53,000 soldiers and their families.

"AER has been serving soldiers for 61 years now," Foster said.

This year's campaign theme is "In Peace and War, Your Army Emergency Relief is Always There."

AER training for key representatives is scheduled 10-11 this morning at building 3338, conference room; 1-2 p.m. Thursday at building 5300, room 5140; and March 11 from 10-11 a.m. at building 5300, room 5140, and 1-2 p.m. at building 3338, conference room.

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American Forces Press Service

DEARBORN, Mich. — A horrible, barbarous thing happened to Ahsan Alwatan when he was about a year old.

Saddam Hussein's troops physically assaulted him after storming into his parent's house during the 1991 uprisings to look for his father, uncle and other relatives — members of the opposition.

A dozen years later, Ahsan's father brought him to the stage to introduce him to Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz during the town hall meeting in the Dearborn Civic Center on Feb. 23.

Earlier, when Wolfowitz delivered his keynote address to nearly 300 members of the Iraqi-American community, he described Hussein as "one of the most evil rulers" of the past 100 years.

He said he called Hussein one of the worst dictators in the last 100 years because he has dealt with other dictators such as Ferdinand Marcos, who is called the "most infamous president of the Philippines."

"Even a lot of pretty vicious ones do not torture children in order to make their parents talk," Wolfowitz noted.

Ahsan's uncle, who now calls himself "Dave" Alwatan, recalled the details of the 1991 incident. "Saddam's regime went to my house and my brother's house looking for us — and my other brother and my sister. They found just my brother's wife and her little boy, who was 1-year-old. They asked about us and she said they're not here."

"They asked, 'Where are they?'"

"She said, 'I don't know! They left!'"

"They said they did revolutions against our regime and we need to talk to them," Alwatan noted. "They asked for my brother and me."

"They saw the little boy and said, 'Who is that child?'"

"My sister-in-law said, 'That's my child.'"

Alwatan said the men were wearing soldier's clothes and combat boots. "They kicked him — the little baby — in the face trying to make her give information," he said. "He got knocked out and was bleeding all over, and my sister-in-law picked him up and ran away from the house."

He said the child suffered brain damage from the kicks in the head.

Alwatan said Saddam's henchmen were looking for all of his family "because we cooked food in our house for the people who were fighting against Saddam. So they don't like our houses. I have several cousins in Saddam's prisons and about five cousins and two uncles were killed by Saddam's regime."

Noting that he and his brothers, sister and cousins participated in the 1991 uprising, Alwatan said, "We ran away from Iraq to Saudi Arabia with the American Army to protect us." He added that his father and sister were jailed.

Alwatan said about 50 of his relatives escaped and came to Dearborn, the largest Iraqi community outside Iraq. The Detroit suburb is also the home to the nation's largest Arab-American population.



Photo by Rudi Williams

**SURVIVOR—** Ahsan Alwatan (center), 13, was introduced to Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz (left) by his father (right) during the deputy's visit to Dearborn, Mich., Feb. 23. Ahsan's uncle "Dave" Alwatan, behind Ahsan, said the boy suffered brain damage when he was kicked in the head 12 years ago by Saddam Hussein's soldiers.



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# Wolfowitz says U.S. buildup will continue

Deputy defense secretary sees stalling by Saddam

By JIM GARAMONE  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — U.N. inspections weren't imposed on Saddam Hussein so he could "dribble out little pieces of the weapons program that he claims he doesn't have in the first place. The purpose was for him to disarm and he's clearly not," Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said Feb. 26.

Wolfowitz told Fox Network's Brit Hume that the U.S. military buildup in the Middle East will continue. "It's the only reason that anything is happening on the inspection regime at all," he said.

He would not hazard a guess as to what the U.N. Security Council will do. He also would not theorize on U.N. inspections chief Hans Blix's demand that Iraq destroy its al Samoud 2 missiles. Blix has determined the missiles violate agreements Iraq signed in the early 1990s.

"With or without movement on the al Samoud, Saddam Hussein is in blatant violation of Resolution 1441 and 16 previous resolutions," Wolfowitz said. "And it is a test for the United Nations whether it's going to stand up and be prepared to say that ... it meant what it said back in

November when we passed that resolution."

The United States has spent the time well since the U.N. Security Council resolution passed Nov. 8, he said. President Bush has put together a large coalition against Hussein. Reports that the United States is acting unilaterally are wrong.

"Many members of our coalition are coming to us quietly and saying don't leave us hanging out there for too long," he said. "They say, 'Don't wait for France, we need your help.'"

Wolfowitz said the United States hopes Turkey will allow U.S. military personnel access to its border with Iraq. In the event of war, U.S. troops could attack from the north. Without Turkish help, the coalition could still do the job, the deputy secretary said, but it might take longer.

The deputy secretary also spoke about charges that a war in Iraq would be a war for oil. "This is not a war about oil," he said. "If we have to use force, it's going to be to liberate Iraq, not to occupy Iraq. The oil resources belong to the Iraqi people. It is Saddam Hussein who's taken it from them."

The deputy said the United States is prepared to help the Iraqi people install new leaders and forms of government. "But our goal would be to transition as rapidly as we can to Iraqi responsibility for Iraq's own future," he said.

# Sept. 11 terrorist leader nabbed in Pakistan raid

Kuwaiti-born suspect on FBI's wanted list

By JIM GARAMONE  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Pakistan reported March 1 the arrest of Khalid Shaikh Mohammed — a top al Qaeda lieutenant — during a raid in Rawalpindi.

U.S. officials said he's a mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that killed more than 3,000. However, Mohammed has not been charged in those attacks. He was wanted for involvement in a conspiracy based in Manila, the Philippines, to bomb U.S. airliners operating out of Southeast Asia, according to the FBI.

News reports said that U.S. intelligence operatives were involved in capturing the terrorist and two other men. Neither the State Department nor FBI had official comment.

The Kuwaiti-born terrorist, 37, is on the FBI's most-wanted terrorists list. A

full listing of those men can be found at [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov).

In Turkey, Parliament speaker Bulent Arinc voided on constitutional grounds the vote to allow more than 50,000 U.S. troops into the country to establish a second front against Iraq in case of war. He said most legislators present had not voted in favor, and then closed parliament until March 4.

U.S. officials said they were disappointed with the action. The vote was extremely close at 264-251 with 19 abstentions.

Iraq began with destruction of its al Samoud-2 missiles. U.N. chief inspector Han Blix praised the move as "a very significant piece of real disarmament."

However, White House officials said they consider this another delaying tactic on Saddam Hussein's part. The United Nations had set March 1 as the deadline for Iraq to begin destroying the weapons — which independent experts said exceeded Iraq's allowable flight range limit. U.N. officials said they believe Iraq has about 100 of the missiles.

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# Pentagon employees get gas masks

*Training under way  
on protection measure*

By **MICHAEL NORRIS**  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON — Distribution of gas masks began the week of Feb. 28 inside the Pentagon to military, civilian and contract employees as part of an effort to protect them from potential acts of terrorism.

Training on the masks is being handled by the Pentagon Force Protection Agency's Chemical, Biological, Radioactive and Nuclear Directorate. CBRN now conducts two training sessions daily for groups of about 100 people, and officials said the training schedule will accelerate to four sessions daily in coming weeks.

Col. Mandy Lopez, head of CBRN, said the goal was to train and distribute gas masks to all 24,000 servicemembers and employees in the Pentagon and leased DoD buildings in the National Capital Region by the end of March.

Glenn Flood, a spokesman for the Department of Defense, said some training would take place in organization offices in situations where it was hard for employees to leave the workplace.

"We will do house calls," he said.

After training is complete, Flood said new employees arriving at the Pentagon, Navy Annex, or one of 50 other buildings overseen by the Washington Headquarters Services would receive instruction on the use of gas masks as part of their overall job orientation. He said it would be up to the individuals thereafter to update training on computer programs that are being developed.

The masks being distributed are known as the Quick Escape 2000 Hood Masks, which provide the wearer about 60 minutes of protection from airborne toxins. There is no respirator or oxygen tank. The \$150 mask is essentially a filtration unit, designed to temporarily protect individuals until they can be evacuated or quarantined.

"It's designed for protection from most biological and chemical agents," said Flood. "It gives people a chance to get to a safe area."

The mask was chosen because of its protection value and because it is easy to use, said Lopez.

Flood said the mask is the same one

that has been distributed on Capitol Hill. As to distribution of gas masks at other military facilities, he said it was up to commanders to decide what protective measures to take on their installations.

In addition to distributing gas masks to the work force it oversees, PFPA is also setting up caches of gas masks throughout the Pentagon and NCR-affiliated buildings for use by visitors who may be inside when a chemical or biological attack occurs.

The training sessions are being conducted by HazTrain, a contractor that provides environmental, health and safety training to businesses and the federal government.

At an afternoon training session, Pentagon employees sat in alternate rows of the auditorium, so that HazTrain representatives could move across empty rows to assist employees in donning the protective masks and answer questions.

At the front of the auditorium, HazTrain's James Noe gave an overview of the gas mask, highlighting its features on an overhead projector. He advised the audience to loosen shirt collars and neckwear so the mask would fit well. Questioned whether one could wear eyeglasses with the masks, Noe said the mask could accommodate most eyeglass frames.

Audience member John Young, a photographer with the Army's Visual Information Division, said he thought the training was "good and necessary." It's something that has to be done," he said.

Flood said the timing of gas mask training isn't tied to immediate current events. The events of Sept. 11, 2001, played a part, he said, but so did a chemical scare on the Tokyo subway system several years ago.

Flood said the gas-mask training along with other security measures — such as the recent reconfiguration of Route 110 away from the Pentagon, the change in placement of the Pentagon's Metro entrance, and establishment of a secure remote delivery facility — were all on the drawing board before Sept. 11, 2001.

It's a matter of long-range enhanced security, he said. "It's the prudent thing to do."

*Editor's note: Michael Norris is a staff writer for the Pentagon newspaper at Fort Myer, Va.*

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## Spring break registration

Child and Youth Services will accept applications to the Spring Break and Summer Camps at the School Age Services (grades K-5) and Youth Services (grades 6-12) programs from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through March 14. Spring Break Camps are March 17-28. Application and registration information packets may be picked up at central registration in the Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. Registration costs \$15 and a current immunization record must accompany registration. Cost is based on family income per DoD regulations. This program is open to children of all military and military retirees, DoD/Army civilians, NASA, and DoD/Redstone contractors. Call 876-3704 or 955-6309 for details.

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federated groups, charitable organizations or a combination thereof, for participation in the 2003 fund-raising campaign. In accordance with Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 950, an organization must have 501-c-3 status, proof of human health and welfare services, an annual audit/IRS 990 Form, and a board of directors. The open period for acceptance of application packages is March 17 to April 7. Contributions to this fund-raising campaign are received from federal employees, active military personnel, retired federal employees, and governmental contractor personnel from Madison, Morgan, Marshall, Limestone, Cullman and Lawrence counties as well as Lincoln County, Tenn. For more information or to obtain an application call Melinda Seigler, CFC director for United Way of Madison County, at 536-0745, ext.108 or the CFC office 876-9143. Local applications may also be downloaded from [www.cfc.gov/cfc](http://www.cfc.gov/cfc) or picked up at the United Way of Madison County, 701 Andrew Jackson Way, Huntsville. E-mail inquiries may be made to: [Melinda.Seigler@uwHSV.org](mailto:Melinda.Seigler@uwHSV.org).

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## Software courses

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## Spring break classes

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## Civilian of year

Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army is soliciting nominations for the Department of Army Civilian of the Year Award. The chapter

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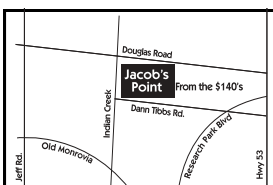
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## Teams week

Huntsville's military, space and academic communities are gearing up for the third annual Technological Excellence in Aviation Missiles and Space week. TEAMS week, March 31 through April 3 at the Von Braun Center, will feature four concurrent conferences. This year's theme is "Delivering Technology Today - Developing Technologies for Tomorrow." The

event is sponsored by the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies.

## Red Cross manager

Having served this area for 10 years, Barry Porter, chapter manager at the American Red Cross Madison/Marshall County Chapter, has accepted the position of executive director with the Triangle Area Red Cross Chapter based in Raleigh, N.C.

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## Volunteer translators

If you speak a foreign language and are interested in volunteering to help military families with translation services, contact Army Community Service. Translators in every language are needed. The amount of volunteer time and services provided is determined by the volunteer translator. Services might include attending meetings and appointments, assisting with forms and applications, written and verbal translations. New volunteers are required to fill out an application which is available through ACS by calling 876-5397 or stopping by building 3338 on Redeye Road. For more information call Mary Breeden, Relocation Assistance Program manager, 876-5397 or Mary Green, Volunteer Center of Madison County, 539-7797.

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neering Scholarship Program for high school seniors. For more information and applications call Victor Giuliano 721-2422, G. Alan Lowrey 544-7684 or Kevin Connell 782-5972.

## Youth summit

"Let's Get Educated," the second annual youth summit on HIV/AIDS, is Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Ruth P.B. Church, 6831 Hollow Road. Scheduled speaker is Thomas N. Robertson Jr. of the Public Health Department. For pre-registration and more information, call the AIDS Action Coalition 536-4700 or Phyllene Washington 859-0676.

## Neighborhood noise

Redstone residents are asked to please be considerate. Excessive noise is a common complaint, according to the housing office. Many military members work shifts and sleep during the day. Quiet time for housing residents is from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily. Children and young adults playing basketball outside in the driveway, and barking dogs left outside after 10 p.m. is unacceptable. After-hour complaints can be avoided by informing your neighbor prior to having a party. Don't assume your neighbors enjoy the same type music or television programs that you do, so keep the volume down. "Failure to comply with this Housing directive will result in citations being issued and your chain-of-command will be notified, or possible eviction may occur if three

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violations are issued," the housing office said in a prepared release. "Remember, if it can be heard outside your home, into your neighbor's home, or outside your automobile, it is too loud." For more information call SFC Ron Pate, housing NCO in charge, 876-1445, or Wardell Pearson 876-6666.

## Mail to servicemembers

Several web sites are available to send greetings to deployed troops. These include <http://www.anyservice-member.org/>, or <http://www.OperationDearAbby.net>. You can also sign a virtual thank you card at <http://www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html>. Another option is donating a calling card to help keep servicemembers in touch with their families at Operation Uplink at <http://www.operationuplink.org/>.

### Patriotic chorus

The Rocket City Chorus will perform "American Heritage in Song," Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Chan Auditorium at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. "Chordiac Arrest" from Chicago will also perform. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door and \$5 for students. "Military personnel in uniform will be our honored guests," a prepared release said. Tickets are available by calling 881-3762. For more information, call John Gonzalez 955-6713 or 852-2408.

## Chili cookoff

Want to prove you have Redstone Arsenal's best chili? Come be a part of the Redstone MWR Community-wide Chili Cookoff, March 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Firehouse Pub, building 114 on Hankins Road. Team participation (limit five persons) is allowed, \$10 per team or single entry and participants must make 2 gallons of chili for judging. Open for public after judging and winners announced at 3:30 p.m. For more information, call Brandie DeRemer 313-1202/1203.

### Crafts center

The June M. Hughes Arts & Crafts Center is holding art classes throughout March. These include Precious Metal Jewelry, "Mini Bean Pot" Basket-Weaving, Oil Painting, Handmade Clay Art and Wood Shop classes. Picture Framing has resumed as well; call to schedule an appointment with an instructor. For class details and times, call Terre or Charles 876-7951.

### Master's degrees

**Master's degrees**  
Nova Southeastern University will hold an information meeting on its master of business administration program March 20 from 6-8 p.m. at Calhoun Community College, conference room 101-E, 102 Wynn Drive. Classes meet in Huntsville on an 18-month alternate weekend format. For more information call Bill Spade 800-672-7223, ext. 5046 or contact him by e-mail: [bill@huizenga.nova.edu](mailto:bill@huizenga.nova.edu)







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Fried Shrimp Plate.....\$7.75  
Pond Raised Catfish Fillets -  
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Lunch Special (1 PC).....\$5.20

Chicken Finger Plate.....\$5.20

**- FROM THE BAR-B-Q PIT -**  
Bar-B-Que Pork Plate  
Large.....\$6.80  
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**Bar-B-Que Chicken Plate**  
(half).....\$5.80  
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A delicious combination of Pork, Beef, and Chicken mixed with vegetables and slowly simmered to perfection (Bowl).....\$2.70

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**The Large Sampler** -  
Your choice of 3 different meats!  
BBQ Pork, BBQ Beef, BBQ Chicken, BBQ Ribs.....\$10.75

**The Small Sampler** -  
the same great meal as above but with 2 meats.....\$8.75

*All of the above entrees are served with Dill Pickle, Rolls or Hushpuppies, and choice of Two Vegetables.*

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Stuffed Potato  
With Butter, Sour Cream, Cheese and Real Bacon Bits.....\$3.19

**Topped Potato**  
Our famous Stuffed Potato topped with BBQ Pork, Beef or Chicken.....\$4.49

**Gibson's Bar-B-Q Salad** -  
A bed of Lettuce Greens with Tomato wedges and Cheese, Topped with BBQ Pork, Beef, or Chicken. Served with Crackers and Dressing.....\$5.35

**- SANDWICHES -**  
BBQ Pork Sandwich.....\$2.20  
BBQ Beef Sandwich.....\$2.35  
BBQ Chicken Sandwich.....\$2.10  
Hot Dog.....\$1.25  
1/4 Hamburger.....\$1.95  
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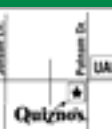
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